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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Re: STB Docket No. AB33 (Sub No. 256 and AB585 (Sub No. 2X))

Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) would like to offer its support to the City of Dallas' request for a joint petition by Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) and Dallas and Garland & Northeastern Railroad Company (DGNO) under referenced STB Docket Number. By this petition, UPRR seeks to abandon, and DGNO seeks to discontinue, service over the Trinity Industrial Lead, between milepost 0.0 near Terminal Junction and milepost 4.1 near Mockingbird Lane, a distance of 4.1 miles in the City of Dallas, Dallas County, Texas.

The City of Dallas public use condition request for the public purposes, set out in its petition, includes the potential conversion to streetcar use. DART, in cooperation with the City of Dallas, is currently conducting a Transit Study for the Dallas Central Business District and surrounding area. This study includes the potential expansion and modernization of the existing streetcar line.

The City of Dallas request for interim trail use and rail banking has strong public benefits due to the location of the line along the Trinity River, and could preserve the line for future rail use.

Sincerely,

  
Gary C. Thomas  
President/Executive Director  
Dallas Area Rapid Transit

c: Mary Suhm, City Manager